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# 'MILI-BAND' PROTEST AT COAL PLANT

THOUSANDS of eco-campaigners are expected to form a human chain around Kingsnorth power station as part of their ongoing anti-coal protest.

Activists from across the UK will join together to create the 'Mili-band' – named after Climate and Energy Minister Ed Miliband.

Greenpeace said the aim was convincing the minister and Government that opposition to new coal-fired units – such as the one proposed for the E.ON-owned Kingsnorth – is growing

## EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

across the country. Campaigner Joss Cope said: "Mr Miliband has a choice; either to be a hero or a hypocrite.

"He can't expect his arguments for a fair and safe global deal at the crucial climate negotiations in Copenhagen to be taken seriously if he's planning to build new, dirty, coal-fired power stations at home. We are not going to stop until he makes the right choice."

The 'Mili-band' protest on the Hoo

peninsula has been planned for Saturday July 4.

Mr Cope called on fellow climate campaigners from across the globe to support their cause.

He said: "We need help on the day to send the message to Ed Miliband that dirty coal has no future on a healthy planet.

"Please come and take a stand with thousands of like-minded people on the greatest issue of our time. We are not asking you to do anything illegal, you just need to come out and show your opposition to dirty coal."

E.ON press officer Jonathan Smith

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## PRINCE RETURNS

The Prince of Wales will be in Medway next week to meet former sailors, Royal Marines, their wives and widows at the Pembroke House care home in Gillingham.

His Royal Highness will attend on Tuesday in his capacity as patron of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, the charity which owns the 50-bed residential home. Prince Charles' visit comes two years after his last trip to Medway. In March 2007 the prince was the special guest at Jools Holland's charity concert, held at Rochester Cathedral.

The show was to raise cash to help preserve the historic building and create an endowment to encourage cathedral music.

The prince was last in the county in January, when he took a tour of the Sir John Moore Barracks in Folkestone and met the families of Kent-based Gurkhas fighting in Afghanistan. Prince Charles also met four soldiers seriously injured while serving in the war-torn country.

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# Clark's £22k second home claim angers commuters

BY SIMON ROBINSON

ANGRY constituents have attacked MP Paul Clark after he became the latest member of the House of Commons to be targeted in the ongoing expenses scandal.

Last year the Gillingham and Rainham MP claimed more than £22,000 in second home allowance – to rent a London flat – and £3,600 in travel expenses. His previous claims also include food and household cleaning items (£1,510); and a gardener (£530).

Mr Clark was also named as one of 40 MPs who used expenses to pay for tax advice.

The junior transport minister explained his stance on MPs' expenses on his official website, saying he shared the same "anger, frustration and disappointment" as the electorate and said reforms were vital.

His 1,500-word post has been met with dozens of angry responses from voters – most focusing on the second home allowance and claims for food.

Richard Colquhoun wrote: "For the last 25 years I've been commuting to and from London, starting at 6am and getting home at 10pm.

"No second home, though. I even have to pay for my own breakfast, dinner and evening meal, no sub-

sidised Commons restaurant for me. "And I don't even get a tax break on the cost of commuting, let alone free travel. I see no reason why you shouldn't be commuting like the rest of us."

Alan M added: "Forty five minutes from London Victoria station and you need a second home!"



#### EXPENSES CLAIM:

Paul Clark MP

Tory Rehman Chishti, who will run against Mr Clark in the next General Election, said: "I was very disappointed to read that Mr Clark has been claiming a second home allowance, which in the last year amounted to more than £22,000.

"Why does an MP whose constituency is 35 miles from London and 45 minutes on the train need a second home? This is unacceptable."

Defending his expenses claim, Mr Clark said: "Clearly the actions of some

MPs have brought untold damage to the political system and we need to rebuild trust. That is why I welcome a full and independent review by Sir Christopher Kelly, chair of the committee on standards in public life, and why I am looking to publish my receipts before the planned July date.

"The vast majority of my claim is accounted for by mortgage interest payments, utility bills, basic maintenance, insurance and council tax."

## yourmedway NEWS IN BRIEF

### EU must now decide

VOTERS go to the polls tomorrow (Thursday) for the European Parliamentary elections. A total of 133 candidates have put themselves forward for 10 South East MEP seats.

All the major parties are represented, along with groups such as No2EU: Yes to Democracy, the Peace Party, United Kingdom First and the Jury Team.

The European elections use a proportional representation voting system in which the number of seats each party wins is calculated according to its share of the vote.

Medway Trade Union Council president Jacqueline Berry and former police officer Kevin O'Connell are the only two Medway candidates, standing for No2EU: Yes to Democracy and Pro Democracy: Libertas, respectively.

### Tories go for growth

CASH-strapped residents are being urged to grow their own fruit and vegetables to help beat the credit crunch.

The money-saving advice has been issued by Medway's Conservative group as part of its online Beat The Recession guide.

Other tips include joining a library to access books, the internet and CDs and DVDs; taking a walk in one of Medway's country parks; and signing up to the reduced fare bus scheme.

Deputy leader Cllr Alan Jarrett said: "We are taking the recession seriously and there are ways residents can save cash by accessing the council's services."

Visit [www.medwayconservativegroup.co.uk/recession.php](http://www.medwayconservativegroup.co.uk/recession.php).

### River's heritage boost

CHATHAM'S bid for World Heritage status has been extended to include the River Medway.

The new boundary adds Upnor Castle to the bid zone, which centres on Chatham Dockyard and its defences.

Medway Council leader Cllr Rodney Chambers said: "The Medway has for centuries been the lifeblood of this area and it is great that it is now included in the bid."

The boundary was extended after public consultation last year.

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# A right royal welcome awaits Prince of Wales

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE Prince of Wales will meet ex-servicemen next week during his first trip to Medway in more than two years.

His Royal Highness will pay a visit to former sailors, Royal Marines, their wives and widows at the Pembroke House care home in Gillingham on Tuesday.

Prince Charles will attend in his capacity as patron of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, the charity which owns the home.

The visit comes two years after the prince last visited the towns, as special guest at Jools Holland's Rochester Cathedral charity concert.

Pembroke House manager Jo Trembeth said the residents were looking forward to the prince's arrival.

She said: "They're all extremely excited. We sent the residents personal invitations to meet Prince Charles three weeks ago.

"Since then they have been busy getting their uniforms ready and polishing their medals, which they are all very proud of.

"The place is buzzing at the moment. Meeting Prince Charles is a big accolade.

"As far as we're concerned, there's an awful lot to prepare but it's going very well.

"It's been a long time since we've had a member of the royal family here.

"In fact, the last royal to visit was Princess Marina, who opened the centre in 1953."

During his visit, the prince will enjoy light refreshments and a tour of the home before



**PURPLE REIGN:** Prince Charles meets Beverley Knight at Rochester Cathedral in 2007, watched by Jools Holland, left

meeting former servicemen, staff and Royal Naval Benevolent Trust trustees and supporters.

Later that day, His Royal Highness will travel to Gravesend for a tour of the Metropolitan Police specialist training centre.

Trainees and instructors will put on a host of demonstrations, including firearms, search and crowd displays.

Prince Charles' most recent visit to Kent was in January, when he when he took a tour of the

Sir John Moore Barracks in Folkestone and met the families of Kent-based Gurkhas fighting in Afghanistan.

He also met four soldiers seriously injured while serving in the war-torn country.

His last trip to Medway was in March 2007 in support of his friend Jools Holland's Rochester Cathedral preservation fundraiser.

The cathedral choir and singers Beverley Knight, Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall also performed.

## Quiet first night as bus volunteers treat clubbers

THE SOS Bus enjoyed a quiet opening night on Friday, dealing with just three night-time revellers.

Volunteers on the bright orange bus treated minor injuries after a man complained of a severe headache; a woman was given first aid after cutting her foot; and another was checked over by the Red Cross after complaining of chest pains.

SOS Bus co-ordinator Robin Wharfe said it was a successful first night.

He said: "There was a lot of interest from licensees and residents who thought the bus was a good idea.

"We are there to support people who need help and ensure that they have a safe night out. As people become more aware of what we offer, I believe we will have some great success stories to tell.

"Later in the evening a couple of groups of men and women who had been on a night out came on board.

"They were interested in what we were doing and we were able to rehydrate them by giving them plenty of water. They left in good spirits and thanked us for the water."

Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley said: "The bus will make a real difference to Medway not only during the evenings, but also throughout the daytime.

"The bus will be used for community work and will be a great educational tool for all of the agencies involved in the project.

"The first night of operation was successful and we will soon be dealing with many more people. The bus has the potential to save lives and protect vulnerable people."

The SOS Bus will be in Blue Boar Lane, Rochester, every Friday night.

## Power plant human chain protest day

FROM FRONT PAGE

said: "If campaigners want to come to Kingsnorth and protest peacefully we do not have a problem with that, we accept that not everyone shares our views about the need for coal power.

"However, we do take offence when people try to break into the plant. As long as no-one tries to gain access to the site there is no problem. Our views on the Kingsnorth coal proposal have not changed.

"We think it is the right thing to do for the country as a whole. We have to keep the lights on, costs low and reduce carbon emissions."

The 'Mili-band' protest has been organised by Oxfam in conjunction with agencies such as Greenpeace, Christian Aid, People and Planet, the Women's Institute, the World Development Movement, National Union of Students, Woodcraft Folk and the RSPB.

Coaches are being organised from Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Oxford and Portsmouth, and free shuttle buses will run between Rochester station and Kingsnorth to get rail travellers to the event.

Organisers plan to create a village fete feel, with live music, food stalls and children's games and activities.

## DNA on knife traps failed soft-top thief

A WOULD-be car thief from Chatham will be sentenced on Monday after leaving crucial DNA evidence in a soft-top he wrecked.

Nathan Barron, 21, stole a pocket knife and cut his way into a Peugeot 206 convertible in Sittingbourne.

Dee Moore, prosecuting at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court, said Barron tried to hot-wire the car and then steal the stereo player, but was defeated both times.

He ran off when he saw a police car drive past. Crucially, he left the pocket knife on the driver's seat and it had his DNA on it.

Barron, of Cottall Avenue, admitted

breaking into the vehicle. He said he was drunk and depressed at the time.

The owner discovered the damage in the morning, when police found the knife. After checking the DNA database, Barron was arrested.

Jeff Playford, defending, said Barron, who has a mental age of 15, had split up with his girlfriend.

He said: "My client was drunk and he's not sure whether he might have smoked something. He was upset and took it out on the vehicle."

Barron caused £2,000 damage to the Peugeot. The case was adjourned until Monday for sentencing for the offence of criminal damage.

## Police seize nuisance motorbikes

NINE mini-moto bikes have been seized during the first weeks of a police clampdown on nuisance off-road vehicles.

Officers began patrols across Medway at the beginning of May and have so far attended 40 calls.

Six fixed penalty notices have been issued and the details of 39 riders have been taken.

Sergeant Spencer Duffy said: "Our

team is working closely with Medway Council and together we aim to improve the quality of life for residents who regularly have problems with off-road bikes.

"We are extremely pleased with the response in our first few weeks and believe we have already started to make a difference."

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## Kent locks NHS deal for keyhole surgery course

SURGEONS are set to flock to Kent for a Master's Degree in keyhole surgery after a link-up between the University of Kent and local NHS chiefs.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust will work with the university's Medway-based Centre for Work and Learning to deliver the programme from October.

The focus will be laparoscopic surgery – also known as keyhole surgery.

## Volunteers should flock to help the RSPB charity

THE RSPB is calling on north Kent volunteers to offer their free time to support the wildlife conservation group.

The appeal has been launched to coincide with the on-going improvements to visitor facilities at Cliffe Pools, near Rochester.

Volunteer co-ordinator Sarah Cartledge said: "Without volunteers' support it would be impossible to carry out all the important conservation work we do."

Call Sally Jennings on 01634 222480.

## Learn to be a poet today at workshops in Medway

ASPIRING poets and playwrights can pick up tricks of the trade at a number of writing workshops taking place across Medway later this month.

The series starts with 'What's Your Story' at Chatham Library on June 4. The 'How to be a dragonfly' poetry session takes place at Strood Library on June 11. The workshops end with a playwriting session at Chatham Library on Saturday, June 20.

See [www.medway.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.medway.gov.uk/libraries).

## Hands up, who wants charity evening ticket?

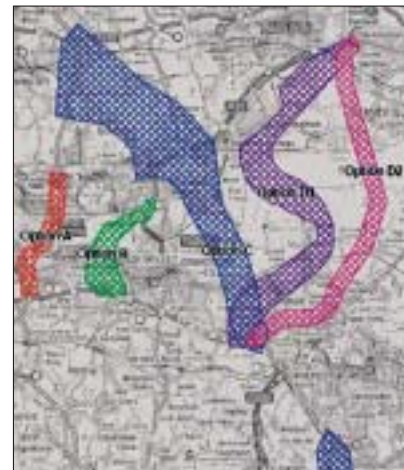
A HANDFUL of tickets still remain for a dinner and dance charity fundraiser.

The evening event takes place at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, this Friday. Proceeds will be donated to the Hands Volunteer Centre in Gillingham.

Tickets to the fundraiser cost £15, which includes a three-course dinner, disco and live singer.

For more information call Anne on 01634 362119.

# Where will new Thames crossing be?



**UNDER DISCUSSION:** Five proposed Thames Estuary routes across the river are being looked at the council

## EXCLUSIVE

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

PLANS to build a billion-pound Thames Estuary crossing near Medway were due to be discussed by council chiefs yesterday.

The meeting follows the publication of the Department for Transport's study into addressing capacity constraints at the Dartford to Thurrock river crossing – which currently caters for 150,000 vehicles per day.

The study found, "the crossing is operating at or beyond its effective capacity for much of the day" and concluded that taking no action was not an option.

Five proposals for a Lower Thames Crossing were identified, ranging in cost from £1 billion to £10.5 million.

One option would see a new bridge or tunnel crossing link the east of Gravesend to the east of Tilbury. The road connections would join the M2 to the M25 between junctions 29 and 30.

A second option would see a bridge or tunnel link Grain with Canvey Island, while a third proposal would see a crossing built between Sheerness and Southend.

The two further options are to build a bridge near the existing Queen Elizabeth II Bridge and a crossing in the vicinity of the Swanscombe peninsula, linking the A2 with the A1089.

Council chiefs were expected to write to the DfT asking to be included in any further development of the initial study.

### OPTIONS

**A:** Additional capacity at the existing Dartford Crossing:

The new crossing would be built immediately adjacent to the existing Queen Elizabeth II bridge. It offers the shortest and most direct crossing route among the five options. Estimated cost is between £1 billion and £3 billion.

**B:** Swanscombe peninsula to the A1089:

New crossing linking the A2 near Dartford to the A1089 near Tilbury Docks. A crossing at

this point would be half a mile long. The study recognises that the Eastern Quarry development site acts as a major constraint to this option. Estimated cost is between £1 billion and £3 billion.

**C:** East of Gravesend and link to the M20:

New bridge or tunnel linking the east of Tilbury with the east of Gravesend. It would connect the M25 between junctions 29 and 30 to the M2. It also incorporates a possible further link improvement south connecting the M2 to the M20. Estimated cost is between £2.5 billion and £7.5 billion.

**D:** M2 to Canvey Island:

New crossing with two possible alignments; Cliffe or Canvey. The option performs poorly compared to options A, B and C as it would not encourage sufficient traffic to re-route from the Dartford Crossing. Estimated cost is between £3.5 billion and £10.5 billion.

**E:** Sheppey to Southend:

Link from the A127 to the M2 at junction five. Avoids more built up areas than the other four options. Five-mile river crossing. Estimated cost is between £3.5 billion and £10.5 billion.



**DJ TALENT:** From Britain's Got Talent auditions

## TV's DJ Talent comes to Strood

BRITAIN'S Got Talent reject DJ Talent is due to bring his lyrical skills to Amadeus nightclub.

The gold-toothed MC, who tried to woo Rochester-born BGT judge Kelly Brook during the hit ITV show's auditions, will take to the Strood nightspot's stage on Tuesday, July 14.

A group promoting the performance has been set up on social networking site Facebook and has attracted a mixed response from users.

More than 450 people have said they will attend and 669 more have said they might attend.

Sadly for DJ Talent, 1,598 Facebook users have said they will not be taking in his performance.

Dozens of critics have hit out at the London rapper's abilities, posting scathing comments on the group's messageboard.

Scott 'Snidey' wrote: "I doubt this guy could even mix a tape", while Joshua George added: "I knew that idiot would end up at Amadeus".

An Amadeus spokesman wrote on the event's description: "Yes that's right we've got Britain's Got Talent's DJ Talent live on stage Tuesday July 14.

"If you would like to be added to the guestlist for the night e-mail us on [guestlist@amadeusnightclub.com](mailto:guestlist@amadeusnightclub.com) or call us on 01634 723370."



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**MARCH:** Her Majesty's Royal Marine band will lead the procession of Armed Forces through Chatham town centre

# Forces Day is something to bang on about

**SOLDIERS** will march through Chatham town centre as part of the inaugural national Armed Forces Day celebrations.

The parade will include servicemen from the three Armed Forces and be led from the High Street by the band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines.

Veterans will join the procession as it marches along Dock Road and into Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Visitors and invited guests will be treated to a wide range of entertainment on the day.

In the air, there will be appearances by the world-renowned Red Arrows and the veterans of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

Helicopter and jet fighter display crews are also expected to confirm their attendance in the coming weeks.

The heart of dockyard will be transformed into a Veterans' Rendezvous where music, food and drink, promotions, charity and information stands and entertainment will create a venue specially-designed for veterans.

Have-a-go adventure is the order of the day in the primary Armed Forces area, with visitors young and old encouraged to try their hands at a whole host of activities including drive-a-digger, mine-detecting, an inflatable assault course, a shooting range and a climbing wall.

On Anchor Wharf two aircraft – a Typhoon and Chinook – will be on display and, subject to operational commitments, Royal Naval

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ships to be open to visitors at Thunderbolt Pier within The Historic Dockyard and at Basin No.2, Chatham Maritime.

Veterans Minister Kevan Jones urged visitors to support Armed Forces Day, held to honour our service personnel past, present and future.

Speaking at the launch event, Mr Jones said: "Our Armed Forces and veterans rightly deserve the nation's support and recognition.

"They, and their families, have made and continue to make huge personal sacrifices to ensure the interests of our country are defended, and this day is our chance to say thank you.

"We're encouraging all communities to put on some type of event in recognition of their Armed Forces, both past, present and future.

"They form an integral part of the community, and this day enables us to show our appreciation of them."

Armed Forces Day takes place on Saturday June 27.

Visitors must apply for tickets in advance.

Ticket request forms can be downloaded from [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk), collected in person from Visitor Admissions at the dockyard, Tourist Information Centres across the county or collected from Medway Council Contact Points.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Gunman gets away on bike

A GUN-toting robber made off with more than £1,000 in cash after holding up a Gillingham bank.

The lone gunman struck at the Nat West Bank in Watling Street at 2.30pm on Wednesday May 27, demanding cash from the terrified staff.

He then left the bank and turned right on to Watling Street, right again on to Derby Road and then left into an alleyway.

The robber then rode away on a mountain bike hidden in the alley and continued onto Osprey Avenue.

A police spokesman said: "The offender had his face covered but is a white man, aged between 20 and 30 years old, of slim build and between 5ft 7in and 5ft 11in. He was wearing a dark woollen hat with a peak."

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Kent Police immediately on 01634 792642.

## Fun run celebrates sport

RUNNERS and walkers are being urged to sign up for the third annual Medway Mile fun run.

The free one-mile event will start in Rochester Castle Gardens on Monday, July 27 as the culmination of a weekend of cultural and sporting celebrations marking three years until the start of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The fun and games will kick off at 4pm with free historically-themed sports and craft activities in Rochester Castle Gardens.

Sign up at [www.medway.gov.uk/london2012](http://www.medway.gov.uk/london2012).

## Hospice's 25th anniversary

A WEEK of celebrations have been planned at the Wisdom Hospice to mark the centre's 25th anniversary.

A pampering session will be held at the Rochester day hospice on Tuesday, June 9 followed by performances from the Baker Boys, the Kingfisher singers and the Boxley Bell Ringers. There will also be a display, including news footage showing the Queen opening the hospice, and a pictorial history of the hospice over the last 25 years.

Day Hospice Manager Vera Khan said: "We want as many day centre visitors and their families to help mark this special anniversary."

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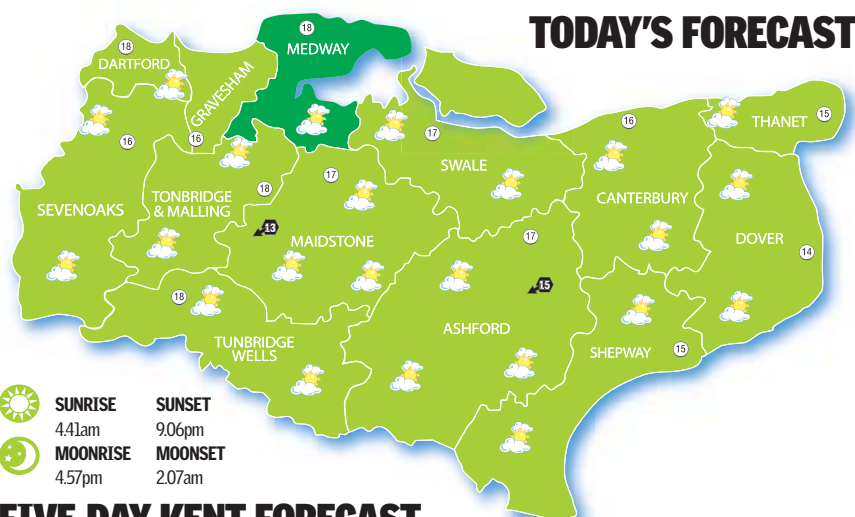
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Dartford	23°C	18°C	17°C	16°C	17°C	Rochester	19°C	15°C	15°C	15°C	15°C
Dover	16°C	14°C	14°C	14°C	15°C	Sevenoaks	21°C	16°C	15°C	14°C	15°C
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## WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	12:45pm	5.6m
	Sunday	1:25pm	5.7m
Dover	Saturday	11:03am	6.1m
	Sunday	11:44am	6.2m
Dungeness	Saturday	10:55am	6.9m
	Sunday	11:36am	7.1m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:33am	4.6m
	Sunday	12:14pm	4.7m
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**WORKSHOPS:** Youngsters at BBC Blast can produce their own work, guided by the corporation's experts

## Teens can have a blast at media workshops

CREATIVE teenagers can let their imagination run wild during a series of free workshops aimed at those interested in working in the media.

Touring experts from the BBC are to set up BBC Blast in the Globe Lane Car Park, Chatham, from tomorrow until Saturday.

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Workshops include TV special effects, creating digital music and writing your own Shakespearean hip hop song with MOBO Award winner Akala and rapper Bashy.

There will also be filmmaking, costume design, voiceover work, acting classes and dance. All are free and available to those between 13 and 19.

Blast is open for people to visit between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Thursday and Friday and all day on Saturday.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### PETER CARROLL



**Q** Tell us a little about yourself

**A** I'm 48 years old and married to Lynne. I own a road transport company based in Maidstone. However, I've had a very varied career. I started as a research scientist and then served as an officer in the RAF for six years. I ran a software company until moving into the family road transport business in 1992. I am a Liberal Democrat.

**Q** How did you get involved in the Gurkha Justice Campaign?

**A** In 2004, four retired Gurkhas arrived at my home to say that one of their colleagues was being deported. This was a jaw-dropping moment for me. I had no idea that at the time all retired Gurkhas had to go back to Nepal. From that moment, I vowed to help them. I helped force them into a campaigning force.

Later that year, the Blair Government announced a major change in policy and said that Gurkhas who retired after 1997 could stay in Britain. While a very good move, this led to the terrible situation that Gurkhas who retired before 1997 could not stay – this included veterans of the first Gulf War, the Falklands and other conflicts.

**Q** What does this new announcement by the Government mean for all retired Gurkhas?

**A** This new policy will change lives profoundly and in a wonderful way. It means that

thousands of very brave and loyal British Army Gurkhas who have been excluded from living in Britain can now do so. For them and their families it gives access to a better life.

**Q** How crucial a role has Joanna Lumley played in the campaign?

**A** Her fame and her wonderful way of reaching out to people and her ability to communicate via the media meant the campaign gained a massive amount of momentum. With Joanna at the head, we were able to apply a degree of political pressure which had eluded us before her involvement.

**Q** Do you believe all foreign soldiers who fought on behalf of the UK should have the right to settle here?

**A** Yes I do. Indeed, soldiers from Commonwealth countries have had the right to settlement in the UK after four years for a very significant period. The central plank of our campaign was simply to ask for parity with these soldiers. We were never asking for anything special – just parity with Commonwealth soldiers.

**Q** How significant a decision do you believe this is in the history of our Parliament and Armed Forces?

**A** This decision is profoundly significant. A public campaign has forced an unwilling Government to do the 'right thing'. The vote in Parliament was crucial. In that vote, MPs of all sides worked together to defeat the Govern-

ment on an Opposition Day motion. I believe the last time that happened was in the mid 1970s. The Gurkha issue has helped bring to the fore the very important concept of the Military Covenant for all our soldiers. That covenant sets out that in return for the risks they take, members of the Armed Forces should expect to be well treated and respected.

**Q** Is there a next step for the campaign, or have you reached the pinnacle?

**A** No, this campaign is over. Usually, campaigns either only succeed in increasing awareness of an issue or in getting a compromise. In this case, the campaign has been won.

**Q** What do you believe the future holds for this Labour Government?

**A** I feel that it is in severe trouble. It is as if the public mood has shifted against it and it is struggling to become positive again. I think its difficulties can best be demonstrated by how it has reacted to our campaign. Blair's was the first Government to do something positive for the Gurkhas when it allowed post-1997 retirees to stay in this country. Gordon Brown has now built on this with his decision to let all retired Gurkhas stay. However, despite all that good work, many feel the Government has been dragged kicking and screaming to this point. Hence, the public has a negative view of its actions when, in fact, it has done more than any other.

**Q&A**

James Alexandre talks to Peter Carroll, founder of the Gurkha Justice Campaign, which succeeded in winning residency rights for all Gurkha veterans, about the early days and where we go from here

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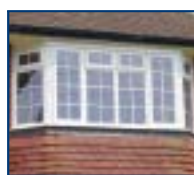
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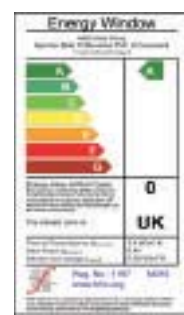
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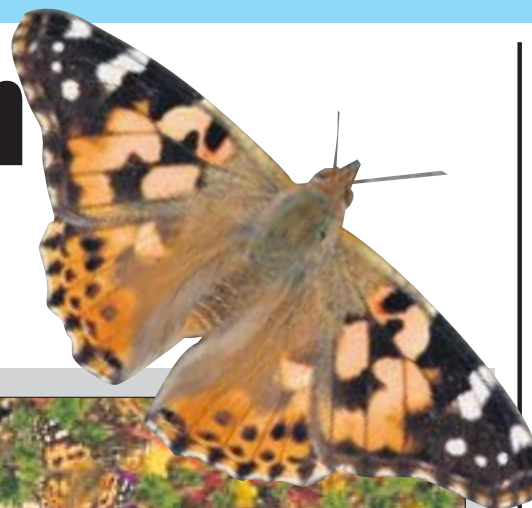
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# Have you seen one of these flutter by?



Pictures: JOHN KEMP

MIGRATION: Painted Ladies are arriving to our shores in massive numbers

## Reader's letter flew in

READER John Kemp from Whitstable contacted us after taking pictures of the visitors.

He said: "There has been a massive influx of Painted Lady butterflies into Britain in the past week. I saw 13 at one time in my garden in Whitstable, and I have also seen them in Chestfield.

"They have been reported from Grove Ferry, Sandwich Bay, West to Devon: sometimes in large numbers - over 1,000 at Rainham marches just over the

estuary into Essex. This attractive butterfly is fairly common, but very variable in numbers, being an irruptive migrant from North Africa and Southern Europe - it can not survive our winters.

"It is, however, an extremely adventurous migrant and strong flier, being the only butterfly ever found in Iceland. I attach a photo, taken yesterday in my garden, where they were sipping nectar from our perennial wallflowers.

"Here are some pictures."

A MASSIVE number of distinctive Painted Lady butterflies are now arriving in the county, after an amazing 1,000-mile migration from North Africa.

In a space of about 45 minutes, conservationists counted nearly 3,000 of the butterflies at one location in Kent, which they called "quite incredible".

The charity Butterfly Conservation has been receiving reports since the start of last week of sightings of large numbers of these fast-flying butterflies, which have orange, black and white-spotted wings, moving overhead for hours on end. They say this could be one of the largest Painted Lady migrations in decades.

The first indication of their arrival in Britain came when Butterfly Conservation members first reported seeing large numbers along the south coast.

Since then, thousands have been seen flying in a northerly direction.

Scientists have been predicting an unusually large migration since late winter.

■ BY NICK AMES

The butterflies originate from the Atlas Mountains of Morocco, where heavy winter rains allowed good germination of the caterpillar food-plants.

A Spanish researcher, Constanti Stefanescu, had reported seeing hundreds of thousands emerging in mid February and beginning their long flight north.

They were seen in large numbers in Spain during April and a few weeks later in France.

Now they have arrived in the southern part of the UK with sightings as far north as East Anglia being reported.

Butterfly Conservation is asking for the public's help to track the migration by recording any sightings at [www.butterfly-conservation.org/migrantwatch](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org/migrantwatch).

Richard Fox, surveys manager, said: "There are literally millions of Painted Lady butterflies arriving right across Britain.

"This is a spectacular phenomenon and we are asking people to send us their sightings via our website".



SWITCHED ON: The Duke of Kent turns on Haver Castle's energy efficient biomass boiler

## Boleyn castle boiler is ahead of the rest

THE Duke of Kent was in the county this week to reveal a new greener Haver Castle. The 12th-century tourist attraction is famous for being the childhood home of Anne Boleyn.

But it has now adopted a 21st century approach to becoming more environmentally friendly and energy efficient.

The Duke officially switched on Haver's energy efficient biomass boiler, which replaces the old inefficient oil-fired and LPG boilers with a new 650KW woodchip boiler.

This uses woodchip waste from local sawmills to create heating and hot water for the castle, the Moat Restaurant, the Haver Shop and even 14 residential properties locally.

It is thanks to a £139,000 grant from the Department of Energy and Climatic Change, plus a £100,000 Carbon Trust loan, along with an estate investment of £460,000.

Now 80 per cent of the castle's hot water and heating requirements will become renewable, saving approximately 390 tonnes of carbon dioxide in emissions a year.

The woodchip fuel is made locally from sawmill waste and low-grade timber, and will include timber from the Haver estate.

With haulage being carried out by local contractors, Haver Castle is minimising transport miles and diverting money originally spent on fossil fuels into the local community.

Duncan Leslie, chief executive of Haver Castle, said: "We're making a commitment to being greener while, at the same time, reducing fuel bills.

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# Happy diners give glowing approval to local champion

**Neill Barston visits The Mulberry Tree, which has just tucked another award under its belt**

TUCKED away in the leafy surroundings of Boughton Monchelsea, The Mulberry Tree has been named as the Good Food Guide readers' favourite restaurant in the South East.

The accolade is all the more impressive given the fact the Hermitage Lane venue, which was completely revamped from a down-at heel pub two years ago, has yet to appear in the prestigious national culinary guide.

Needless to say, the team at the restaurant were over the moon at the award, which comes in the wake of its recognition with a Produced In Kent Taste of Kent Award.

Karen Williams, The Mulberry Tree's front of house manager said: "This has made all the hard work pay off, it's fantastic for us. We had originally tried just having snack food available here at the venue, but that just didn't work. So we looked at what people really wanted and it's great that we have an award that has been gained by customers writing in."

She added that head chef Alan Irwin has been instrumental in the restaurant's success. The post is his first senior role, having previously worked as part of the team at Michelin starred venue Chapter One in Bromley.

The restaurant's contemporary styling and menu has been a big hit with customers, who have valued its philosophy of ensuring its food is sourced from Kent.

Its seasonal specials, ranging from fish caught off the county's coast, locally reared meat, and fresh vegetables from its own garden supplies have made it a sought-after evening venue. The restaurant also serves a continually evolving lunch menu that's suitable for both meat eaters and vegetarians.

There is a full selection of beers available from its bar, which also stocks a varied range of Kentish wines which can be enjoyed in its terrace garden.

More than 23,000 people voted in The Good Food Guide's



annual readers' Restaurant of the Year award, which recognises excellence and good service at independently owned restaurants, pubs and cafés across the UK.

The public were invited to nominate their favourite independently-owned and run restaurant, pub or café in their region, preferably one that offers regional dishes and/or seeks out local producers. They could nominate online or submit a postcard that was available from restaurants.

The Mulberry Tree now joins nine other regional winners to compete for the overall Restaurant of the Year title, which will be awarded on June 9, at a ceremony to be held at the British Museum.

Elizabeth Carter, editor of The Good Food Guide believed there had been some strong competition for this year's awards.

She said: "All of the restaurants that made it on to this year's shortlist should be really proud of the show of support they've received from their customers."

"The Mulberry Tree isn't the easiest place to find, but persevere. Alan Irwin's cooking is heroically seasonal, based on first-class local produce."

For more information visit [www.themulberrytreekent.co.uk](http://www.themulberrytreekent.co.uk) or phone 01622 749082 or 01622 741058. For more details on the awards, visit [www.which.co.uk/awards](http://www.which.co.uk/awards).



## Take a bite of the cherry during weekend festival

A CELEBRATION of Kent's longstanding production of cherries is being held at Brogdale Farm in Faversham.

The Cherry Festival event, which takes place on the weekend of July 11-12, will offer more than 50 varieties for visitors to try at their leisure as they take in the national fruit collection, which features a total of more than 3,500 fruit varieties including apples, pears, plums, nuts and cherry varieties on site.

Sally Roger, of Brogdale Collection said: "Cherries are so tasty and buying locally when they are in season does make a huge difference to the taste. A visit to Brogdale is a unique experience."

The farm offers a great day out for the family in offering a wide range of fresh local produce at its market-place.

For more about the collection and the Cherry Festival visit [www.brogdalecollections.co.uk](http://www.brogdalecollections.co.uk)

## Celebration is brewing to help mark first Forces day

ONE of Kent's most innovative ale producers, The Nelson Brewery, is creating a special beer to mark the first Armed Forces Day taking place in Medway.

The Chatham Historic Dockyard-based company is hard at work putting the finishing touches to its brew, which will be released in time to coincide with the massive military event on Saturday, June 27.

Piers MacDonald, of the Nelson Brewery, commented: "This is going to be a really important event for us and the whole of Medway and we're glad to be a part of it."

For more information about the day and how to get tickets visit [www.armedforcesday.org.uk/](http://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/)



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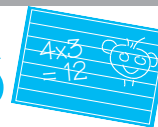
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# Workshops on how to keep safe



**PLAYING IT SAFE:** Community safety and enforcement boss Rehman Chishti, Ch Supt Steve Corbishley, Deputy Mayor Barry Kemp and Deputy Mayoress Joyce Kemp

## Don't forget your Tesco vouchers

THERE are just days left to collect Tesco for schools and clubs vouchers so customers should ensure they say "yes" at the till and collect as many as you can before the offer ends on Sunday.

Josh Hardie, head of corporate responsibility at Tesco, said: "The biggest reason why people don't collect is because they don't have children, but there are lots of schools and clubs in your area who desperately need vouchers. Find out where they are at [www.tescoforschoolsandclubs.co.uk](http://www.tescoforschoolsandclubs.co.uk)."

MORE than 800 primary school pupils dialled 999 during a week-long series of safety workshops.

The youngsters were treated to a number of hands-on lessons during the multi-agency Safety in Action event, held at Kitchener Barracks, Chatham.

The week was aimed at preparing the children for a more independent life.

Medway Council used a mock abandoned car, which had smashed windows and needles inside to highlight the risks of injury and infection when going near a dumped car.

Kent police's workshop involved an acting graffiti artist who 'tagged' a wall before running away.

The purpose was to teach children what to do if they see someone committing a crime, including the importance of staying away, dialling 999 and giving an accurate eye-witness account.

The children were also taught about road safety, drug and alcohol awareness, rail safety, first aid, internet safety, river and beach safety and anti-social behaviour.

Medway Council's community safety and enforcement boss Rehman Chishti said: "This type of event is exactly what young people need. The transition from primary

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

school to secondary school can be daunting and it is our aim to make all children in Medway feel safe and confident.

"The workshops were innovative, entertaining and educational. It was great to see the children's reactions. It was clear they were really interested in what they were learning."

Safer Schools Partnership coordinator PC Mel Ling said: "We set up crime and consequences scenarios for the children to take part in. It is important for them to know who they should contact if they see someone committing a crime, the outcomes for the offenders and how to keep themselves safe."

"The workshops proved to be really popular and it's been great to reduce the fear of crime in young people. Hopefully our input this week will have a lasting and positive effect."

Safety in Action was organised by Medway Council, Kent police, the Red Cross, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, the Port of London Authority, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), British Transport Police, Child Exploitation Online Protection and Kenward Trust, a drugs and alcohol advice service.

## BREAK TIME

## Engineering students fly high

ARTISTIC students have created a soaring sculpture to celebrate 100 years of British flight.

The metallic plane was built by level 2 engineering students at MidKent College ahead of the centenary celebrations.

The finished piece was unveiled at Leysdown's Muswell Manor – home of Britain's first airfield, aero club and aircraft factory – earlier this month.

MidKent College's head of engineering Ray Fielder said: "I would like to thank all the staff and students who have been involved - in particular the students, who started their courses in September with little or no experience of engineering."

"They have worked hard to research, design and fabricate this model which will stand as a proud motif of this area's rich aviation history for many years to come."



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## Who'll be the next entrants into Big Brother's little hall of infamy?

WITH the start of yet another series of Big Brother tomorrow, who can forget the great characters we have been introduced to via the original TV 'reality' show?

Victor – alias the milkman, because he always delivers – Nasty Nick – so called because he was nasty – wannabe Chanelle – who idolises Victoria Beckham – and all the rest.

You remember them, the stupid posh blonde one who used an offensive racial term, the nurse from Nigeria who said she faced death if she returned to Africa because her TV character was so unappealing.

What were they called again?

Oh yes, Emily and Makosi.

There you see – legends all.

Just as is Science the rapper, who once memorably stated "I live in da ghetto – wiv me mum!"

It's actually 50 years since the novel 1984 by George Orwell was published and the term 'Big Brother' with its overtones of 24-7 surveillance was created.

And what better way to remember that critique of authoritarianism and warning against an all-powerful state out to stamp a boot on the human face forever than watching a load of idiots cavorting in a make believe house?

I mean, what have the victims of the Thought Police and those tortured in the Ministry of Love got compared to the housemates of Big Brother Seven?

Shahbaz threatened to commit suicide! Lea suffered from issues over her body! Nikki had anorexia! Glyn was Welsh! So was Imogen!

It surely doesn't get any worse than that!

Except – the truly awesome fight night of Big Brother Five. Compared to that, the retreat from Moscow was a stroll in the snow.

Victor was at the centre of it all and you can't keep a good milkman down as the saying goes.

The kid from the ghetto had just about had it with gobby Emma and the fact that he was dressed as a clown didn't hold him back.

Live TV coverage was cut as the so-called battling pair were pulled apart by security guards.

Self proclaimed gangsta Victor – aka Mr Slick because of his way wiv da ladeez –

flipped a table over before hurling a platter at her head.

Threats to kill then came from the lips of the man also called Mr Marmite as people either love him or hate him – to the shock of Channel 4 who tried to involve the police.

It didn't end there as Big Vic and fellow 'Jungle Cat' Jason continued the row.

And there was even more aggro two series later as Grace hurled a glass of water quite near to Susie as she left the house.

The violence even spilled over into the real world.

"Centre of attention" Grace was attacked as she left the G.A.Y. club in London's Astoria and the "party girl" hurt her foot.

How real is that?

Yes it doesn't get any bigger than Big Brother – and it lasts all summer (although it seems like for the next decade).

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## TALK TIME

### JONATHAN VINCENT

The University of Kent music technology lecturer talks about his musical ability and his Blue Peter badge.



#### Can you tell us a little about yourself?

I was born in Hastings before moving to Kent and being educated at Maidstone Grammar School. In 1992 I completed a music degree at Goldsmiths' College. My work background has consisted of various positions including percussion teacher for Kent Music School, and music technology teacher for Mid-Kent College. I'm currently an A-level senior examiner, freelance media composer and, of course, lecturer at University of Kent.

#### What is the best part of your job ... and the hardest?

The best part is listening to a student's work and realising they've taken on board what you've taught. The hardest part is working through the mountain of marking that accumulates at the end of each term.

#### What instruments do you play?

I'm a bit of a jack of all trades, from proficient to beginner. I play keyboards, drums and percussion, vocals, sax, bass guitar, various flutes, and pipes and harmonica.

#### Who are the greatest group of all time?

I couldn't narrow things down that far, how about one from each decade? 60s: The Beatles, 70s: Genesis, 80s: Queen, 90s: Brand New Heavies, 00s: The Feeling.

#### Tell us something most people don't know about you.

I got a Blue Peter badge for being filmed giving a drum kit lesson (I can't bring myself to use it to get into a theme park for free though).

## YOUR LETTERS

### Is our MP going against his party?

I am mystified by the hypocritical stance the MP for Chatham and Aylesford Jonathan Shaw has taken by opposing the proposed changes to Medway's primary schools.

It is his Government, in which he is a junior minister, which is pressing Medway Council to make such changes under the Primary Capital Programme; a policy the Government is using to make "efficiency savings" through the removal of surplus places in schools. His fellow ministers have set themselves targets to make cuts to save £144 million by taking action in schools where there are more than 25 per cent of empty places. These are the guidelines that we've followed here in Medway.

Surely he is not opposing his own Government's policies? The MP has also told us, at a meeting with the leader of Medway Council, that he and his Government expect the primary changes to be bold. Yet here he is opposing bold changes. He accuses Medway Council of ignoring public opinion, but it is his fellow Labour councillors who have hindered plans to discuss the proposals with concerned parents, pupils and teachers by calling in the decision to go out to consultation – another part of the guidance given to us by the Labour Government. We want to hear from all those who have a view about these proposals, but this is being derailed by the actions of Labour politicians who are



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opposing their own Government's policies at every turn.

**Cllr Les Wicks**  
Portfolio holder for children's services,  
by email

### Free parking would draw in shoppers

I see that on May 23 Gravesend Council decided to make Gravesend a free parking zone on Saturday, as well as Sunday,

which is already free.

The reason? They want to boost trade. Billericay, in Essex, has already made parking free and trade is up about 10 per cent.

This free parking could take away more shoppers from Medway, making the place go downhill even further.

What Medway Council needs to do to draw people into our towns is to make parking free at the weekends and offer up to four hours free parking during the week, and after 6pm.

Then we might get people to come here, or is the council waiting for Maidstone to offer free parking first? Come on Medway Council, let's get in first, do some out of town advertising and get people to come here. We might even fill the empty shops too.

**Peter Nassan,**  
Chatham, by letter

### It's no wonder he didn't reply to me

Below you will see a letter that I sent to Bob Marshall-Andrews on May 15. At that time I did not know he too had been exposed as a man with his sticky little fingers in my back pocket.

Although he knows that I voted for him on both occasions and furthermore I have been a worker for Labour, he did not answer. I now know why:

Dear Sir, I would be extremely grateful if you could explain to me why Members of Parliament continue to use the term 'Honourable Member' when referring to each other?

The dictionary definition of honourable is, I quote, "worthy of honour or esteem". I do so hope you agree with me, that such a description cannot possibly apply to the present mob of elected members.

Having voted for you on each occasion, I have watched with interest to see if any degrading information has been disclosed about you, as yet you appear to be squeaky clean.

Needless to say, I await with great anticipation the full publication in July of members' expense claims.

**W R Townsend,**  
by email

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## Holiday story was bit of a Turkey

I was pleased to read a pleasant report of Sunsail Club Javelin in last week's Yourmaidstone, it brought back fond memories of my friend 'Spliff'.

Last summer I worked as a sailing instructor at Club Javelin for four months and had an excellent time.

However, Sunsail has now closed its Turkish Clubs (including Javelin), due to an incident concerning work visas at the end of October 2008.

Joseph Macgregor, from East Farleigh, by email

**Editor's reply:** Dear Mr Macgregor, thanks for letting us know about this development. We have had calls about this from readers of other mid-week papers across Kent.

Our holiday features are supplied to us by the Press Association and so ran the article in good faith.

I have sent your comment to PA and hopefully this error on their behalf will not happen again, but we would like to apologise for any inconvenience to our readers.

## Stop people paying with their jobs

Our Government is hell-bent on cutting jobs in every part of Kent.

All of Kent's councils appear to be contemplating redundancies: nationwide 7,000 local government jobs

have gone already with 14,000 more expected over the next 12 months.

Over 100 of our UK universities are planning to cut staff too.

And if this was not bad enough, Government capping of university places will close the doors to about 30,000 eligible students this summer. Hasn't the Government heard of this country's massive skills shortages?

Work that could be done to insulate homes, cut energy wastage and fuel poverty and put solar water heating and solar panels in our schools and hospitals is not being done, condemning construction workers to enforced unemployment.

Yes, a recession is difficult, but there are plenty of areas of public spending occurring in Kent and Medway that we do not need.

Subsidies to chemical-based agriculture should be brought to an end; new major road building should be stopped; subsidised public private partnerships to build new schools should be cut in favour of cheaper direct public spending on such projects; public spending on planning for large-scale lorry parking and warehousing developments like the China Gateway, the Kent International Gateway project and a similar project at Borough Green could all cease with a clear Government rejection of these unsustainable projects.

We're not a poor country. But we are poorly-led, and people are paying with their jobs for the Government's combined failures to lead or to prioritise for the future.

Dr Hazel Dawe, chair of Kent Green Party, by email

## You can help plant a happier community

National Volunteers Week started on Monday, which is a week of celebration and recognition for the hundreds of thousands of volunteers that help to make Britain a better place to live.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank this underground army and in particular, a dedicated band of horticultural heroes – the RHS Britain in Bloom and Neighbourhood Award volunteers.

Their muddy hands and green fingers turn concrete jungles into lush green places, while their endless enthusiasm and determination creates local environments in which people can flourish.

Gardening really is a tool that brings communities together.

The stories I have heard from the Britain in Bloom volunteers all ring true with the same messages – that, through gardening, friendships have been made, neighbours have reconnected with each other and anti-social behaviour has been reduced.

If you feel as I do that gardening plays a vital role in benefiting society and the world in which we live, and you would like to volunteer please visit [www.rhs.org.uk/britaininbloom](http://www.rhs.org.uk/britaininbloom).

Charlie Dimmock, TV presenter, gardener and RHS Britain in Bloom supporter, by email

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### FUSE FESTIVAL

Saturday June 6 to  
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Various Venues, Medway

FANS of the weird and wacky will be in their element as this year's Fuse Medway Festival gets under way.

During this 15-day celebration of art and creativity, a dazzling array of dance, theatre, music and other entertainment will be on offer to inspire and intrigue spectators. New shows will be joining the programme this year to make the festival even more exciting, diverse and colourful than before.

Shoppers in Chatham High Street will know the festival has opened this Saturday when they find themselves sharing the pavement with jugglers, balloon artists and two Oxbridge undergraduates in a boat. Artizani will be punting down the street while the amazing Insect Circus Museum astounds people with its tame wasps, charmed worms and dancing snails.

If a pillow fight in the street is not entertaining enough, a stunning carnival will leave the New Art Centre in the evening and parade to Chatham riverside where dancers and musicians will showcase Indian music and melodies, followed by a fireworks display.

On Saturday, June 13, it will be Rochester High Street's turn to feel the groove on a day that is all about movement. Indian dance troupe Akademi, Medway's Loop Dance Company, award-winning 4x4 Bhangra Group and the Floor Crusaders will be showing off amazing skills that will captivate their audience.

Witness the art of parkour when Ashley Spider demonstrates his free running technique, while Dizzy O'Dare presents some breathtaking tightwire and circus stunts. Aspiring dancers will have the chance to try out some steps in a number of workshops with the professionals.

Rochester Castle Gardens will be the setting for a macabre stilt dance



### FUSE FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS:

Aerial dance display Loved Up, above, and right, a dancer from Indian troupe Akademi

based on the Danza Antigua Festival of the living dead and Loved Up, an aerial dance display.

Shoppers will meet a variety of interesting characters in Gillingham High Street on Saturday, June 20, as fantastic street performers arrive in their midst. Frolicked Puppet Theatre, the pint-sized Flying Buttresses and the Cockney Awkestra will all be making the shopping experience more interesting that day.

The festival draws to a close at Rochester Castle Gardens that evening with the amazing From The Inky Deep. This tightwire and aerial circus show will astonish the audience, while fire sculptures by Denis Tricot will light up the night sky.

Taking place at several new venues across the area, Fuse Medway Festival promises to be even more entertaining than last year. For full listings call 01634 338319 or go online at [www.fusefestival.org.uk](http://www.fusefestival.org.uk).

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## ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN

Thursday, June 4  
Central Theatre, Chatham

A DREAM came true for karaoke singer Gary Mullen when he won Stars In Their Eyes nine years ago.

Appearing on the ITV talent show gave the aspiring pop star a chance to emulate his hero, Freddy Mercury. Since winning the 2000 series, Mullen has played to sell-out crowds around the world with his band The Works, bringing the voice of Mercury back to the live stage in One Night Of Queen.

The Scottish songwriter and karaoke fan won a landslide victory on the show, getting nearly 865,000 votes – more than double the amount cast for the runner-up and the most votes ever received on the show.

Formed in 1970, Queen became one of the world's biggest bands and some sources estimate their record sales to be well in excess of 150 million. The band has continued to work since Mercury's death in 1991, producing a studio album and tour last year with vocalist Paul Rodgers.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18.50/£17. To book, visit the website at [www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking) or call the box office on 01634 338338.



## VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Thursday, June 11  
Orchard Theatre, Dartford



SUZANNE Shaw is among the stars telling poignant, lusty and funny stories about being female in the hit stage play, The Vagina Monologues.

From the onslaught of

puberty to the miracle of birth, Eve Ensler's play features monologues inspired by a multitude of different experiences. The resulting play deals with everything from the harrowing ordeals of Bosnian women, to a self-conscious woman who learned to love her body after a brief encounter.

Shaw shot to fame as a member of reality-show pop group Hear'Say, before being crowned champion of ITV's Dancing on Ice and playing Roxie Hart in the West End production of Chicago. She is joined by Sue Holderness, best known as Boycie's wife Marlene in Only Fools and Horses, and 3 Non-Blondes star Tameka Empson. A percentage of the revenue from ticket sales is donated to the V-Day appeal, which benefits women's charities across the world.

The performance starts at 8pm and tickets cost £20/£18. To book, call 01322 220000 or visit [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk)

## PEELER

Sunday June 7  
Brook Theatre, Chatham



A METER reader becomes involved in the nightmare world of honour-based violence in Peeler.

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When she is under such threat, why does Aisha invite a stranger to come in and help peel the onions? Determined to be heard before she dies, Aisha reveals that she is not ashamed of the 'crime' that has put her life at risk.

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Council, this Nuffield Theatre production is a powerful and moving exploration of the growing horror in this country that demands the death of a child to atone for sin. Women in the UK have been attacked and killed by their own relatives for bringing perceived

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### Tavern gets in the swing with 50s band

ROCK 'n' roll fans are in for a treat when Chevron play in Rochester this week.

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Chevron are at the Eagle Tavern, in High Street, at 9pm tomorrow. For more information about the venue, visit the website at [www.theeagletavern.org.uk](http://www.theeagletavern.org.uk)

### Artists open up to showcase their talent

FIND out more about the work of Kent's creative people during this year's South East Open Studios.

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# Comedy duo promise a night to remember

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

PUT two comedy giants together in one room and even a pack of jaded journalists will soon be buzzing with anticipation at their imminent arrival.

Dictaphones are arranged, prime seats are fought over and hushed whispers reach fever pitch as Ricky Gervais and Ben Stiller make their entrance.

Gervais, 47, and Stiller, 43, have amassed an impressive body of work between them.

As the co-creator of The Office, Gervais won unlikely empathy for the sadly-comedic character David Brent, and the plaudits the series received brought him huge success on both sides of the Atlantic.

His subsequent star pulling-power allowed him to secure unlikely cameos from the likes of Robert de Niro and Kate Winslet, who both willingly sent themselves up in his follow-up project, Extras.

Stiller meanwhile has been described as a "ringmaster who knows everybody in Hollywood" by his friend and co-star Hank Azaria, having been behind box office hits such as Meet The Parents, Dodgeball and Tropic Thunder.

The reason for the duo's joint appearance is to promote their latest cinematic pairing in comedy sequel Night At The Museum 2.

Back in the press room, a call for silence breaks into applause as the duo arrive.

Gervais, wearing black trousers, T-shirt and jacket, leads the way. He is closely followed by Stiller, who at around 5ft 6in, also wearing black and sporting impressively bouffant hair, makes Gervais look positively statuesque.

The premise of the Night At The Museum



DOUBLE ACT: Buddies Ricky Gervais and Ben Stiller

movies revolves around the idea of museum exhibits coming to life once visitors have left.

Stiller reprises the role of Larry Daley, the former museum night guard at The Museum of Natural History who has now found success as an infomercial inventor.

The museum's assorted historical characters, played by the likes of Owen Wilson, Robin Williams and Steve Coogan, all reappear, along with a host of new faces, such as Amy Adams as Amelia Earhart and Azaria as an Egyptian pharaoh. Gervais, meanwhile, is back as Daley's boss, the oblivious Dr McPhee.

Stiller said: "We had to figure out a way to start the second movie, particularly as Larry was so happy at the end of the first one."

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"The idea that Larry had become successful and had all the problems that come with that took him away from his true happiness."

Both cast and crew wanted everything in the sequel to not only be bigger but better, so the action was moved to the world's largest museum, Washington's Smithsonian Institution.

While it meant an infinite amount of creative possibilities for the production team, it does beg the question whether there's now anywhere else the film franchise can go.

"I don't know," says Stiller. "The idea of doing a third one would be great. It's just figuring out how it could get any bigger, any different."

"How about a normal museum where nothing comes to life, just following the admin," Gervais chips in. "Just naturalise it all..."

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## Important note for aspiring musicians

■ BY TOM BETTS

**YOUR** chance to take a positive step forward into the music industry is available courtesy of a Kent-based company on the lookout for fresh new talent.

The exciting project from Diverse Music could enable you to get involved in music in a way you hadn't before thought possible.

It offers you the chance to become part of an expanding network of talent that could be too good not to take up.

The firm are run by three industry experts, with insider Malissa Whitehouse – who has worked with a host of big names like Travis and George Michael – heading up the team's push for new Kent talent.

She said: "This project is our chance to give something back to the music scene in Kent and we are hoping to find some great acts to work with and help.

"We help we can help with the development and provide a doorway into the music industry for people who may not have had that chance."

With the process open to anyone who

feels they may be able to make an impact, bookings for the FREE auditions are being taken now.

Eventually the artists will form a database of talent, who could be put in touch with each other to share ideas or even perform together.

It could prove to be a hotbed of ideas and creativity with the facilities and technology to put down professional tracks at the Diverse studio in Biltong near Ashford already in place.

Working with Malissa are producer Lee Golledge, who specialises in rock, indie and alternative material and Tony Matthew, a former

member of the Soul II Soul collective, key players in the British soul revival in the 80s who had massive hit records.

The two are highly accomplished musicians and will be on hand to offer their advice to those who join the process.

Songwriters and other performers will also be added to the database as it takes shape with the aim to keep it growing and expanding.

To apply for an audition spot email Malissa@popsessions.co.uk.

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HELP: Lee Golledge performs with Circle of Rage

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### Enjoy stories about the Pantiles over a coffee

ENCHANTING tales about the historic Pantiles can be enjoyed in a new book about the Tunbridge Wells landmark.

The Pantiles' owner, Targetfellow, has published a coffee table book celebrating the area's 400-year history. It includes information about how the Chalybeate Spring was discovered in 1606.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETSS

 **I'M RUNNING SAINSBURY'S**  
Channel 4, 9pm, Tuesday

BEFORE I entered into the world of journalism I worked in a branch of Sainsbury's for a while.

Well, six months and a day to be exact and I think it's safe to say it was possibly the worst half-year of my life.

I've paid my dues sticking six can multipacks of Diet Coke in perfect pyramid formations hour after hour.

I was only part-time, but each shift would grind on and on until it started to feel like time was actually going backwards as customers relentlessly marched towards me like wave after wave of the undead wanting only to know what aisle the pickled onions had been moved to.

In my time there what always struck me about the place was the snottiness of the general management team who seemed to think they operated on a higher plain than the rest of humanity, when they were in fact just running a regional supermarket which would make money if Scooby Doo and Shaggy were in charge.

With those painful days still kicking up their fair share of painful dust in my memory banks, I was looking forward to the new show from Channel 4, I'm Running Sainsbury's.

Indeed, running Sainsbury's was often a notion I wished I could put in practice as, time and again, I got a rollicking for squeezing four rows of Pringles into the gap where there should only have been three.

This four-part show lets those who spend their time on the shop floor take over from the usual managers.

Britain's oldest supermarket chain, which is said to make up to £30,000 a



**CHECK IT OUT:** I'm Running Sainsbury's sees shop floor staff take charge of the supermarket

minute, is intent on uncovering some super new ideas from the staff.

Chief executive Justin King reckons those who do most of the donkey work should get their say in how to make the store a better place for everybody and all this definitely does not have anything to do with free advertising during a prime time slot – okay!

If nothing else I guess they are really sticking to the message of their latest slogan "try something new today".

It should be fascinating watching the staff try to make an impact and it should be even more interesting to see if the store takes any of their ideas on board once the hype and publicity from the whole process has died away.

If nothing else, I guess it can't be any worse than Supermarket Sweep...

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
JUST because you don't have the time or money to go back to school doesn't mean your learning will come to a halt. Head for the library and check out some books devoted to your favourite subject. Some will be over your head, but others will be right up your alley.

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**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
YOU crave intellectual stimulation. This would be a great time to take a class. Hands-on activities might appeal to your creative side. If you're struggling with finances, take a second look at your budget. A few adjustments may be all that's needed to put you back on track.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
MAKING a public presentation will work wonderfully. A superstar like you needs a platform for your talents. Be sure to wear something striking when appearing before the public. Some professionals frown upon making a flashy display, but those rules don't apply to you.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
A MEETING of minds with a romantic or business partner is reassuring. If you've had fights about money in the past, this is the time to find a cash compromise. You're very resourceful, and can find ways to save in some areas so you can splurge in others.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
YOUR brain is moving at a million miles a minute. This is an excellent time to work on a project that has been giving you lots of grief. All of a sudden what seemed like insurmountable problems become minor inconveniences. You're especially good at finding ways to make money.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 21)  
EVERYBODY is eager to contribute their two cents, but their conflicting voices will give you a headache. When confusion sets in, sneak off to a solitary spot where you can think. If you're thinking of going back to school, ask a female friend to write you a letter of recommendation.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
EXPANDING your horizons will be a labour of love. There's never been a better time to plan a trip overseas so long as you go somewhere luxurious. Even a bargain hunter like you needs to splash out now and again. Acquiring new skills and talents is also a possibility.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
BRUSHING up on your work skills makes it easier to rise through the ranks. If you're intent on switching jobs, the same rule applies. Take a class or get a professional certificate. Although you hate focusing on silly little details, it's a necessary component to moving forward.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
SPENDING money on a timesaving gadget will pay off. It might cost a packet, but you will make the most of this device. If you're looking for a job, you could find one in fashion, design or entertainment. Don't be afraid to negotiate a higher salary than is initially offered.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
TEAMWORK is the name of the game this week. Taking the helm of a group will help you to focus on the most important tasks, while subordinates take care of the detail work. Resist the urge to micromanage people. By trusting their abilities, they'll rise to the challenge.

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
IT feels as though you can read a loved one's mind and they may be concerned that you're not demonstrative enough. Although it's true you show your affection through thoughtful deeds, rather than physical affection, that may not be sufficient. Step up your game a little.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
LIFE is about to become a lot more fun. If you're in the market for romance you could meet someone special. Keep your ears open for someone with a sexy laugh. If you're already in a relationship, this would be a good time to plan leisurely outings with your beloved.

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- 1 Fellow showed the way round said ruins covered in yellowish spots (8)  
6 Even if eastern balti was stirred (6)  
9 Person writing very little three times (6)  
10 Non-contributing member of society (8)  
11 Keeping out of castiron oven (12)  
13 Poet in lobby Ronald admitted (5)  
14 Nervous pain one might have to face (9)  
17 Some of them stitched ornamental finishing (9)  
19 Dodge lady about now (5)  
21 Dot went after uniformed girl with mark of approval (7,5)  
24 Poison from a port back in the Orient (8)  
25 Turned on spy who is still in (3,3)  
26 Said to be part of body of breakwater (6)  
27 Permanent reputation (8)

### DOWN

- 2 Animal, marsupial initially needing space (4)  
3 Take a short route to slice in two (3,6)  
4 Animal seized artist round throat (6)  
5 Drain Penny allowed to be put in river (7)  
6 Against a redhead in a potentially dark environment finding edentate (8)  
7 Live group hemmed in (5)  
8 Wavering at home with more than one thought? (2,3,5)  
12 Kind author, one worked in the pool (10)  
15 Matthew going over gallery had finally hovered (9)  
16 Four repeatedly in another side creating discord (8)  
18 Evergreen island reported (7)  
20 Plant last character in North Iowa (6)  
22 Dazed at court, zany with article removed (5)  
23 One of five squinting inside (4)

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### ACROSS

- 1 Utensil for making soup (8)  
6 Counterbalance (3,3)  
9 Genial (6)  
10 Uncivilised (8)  
11 Drawing one's attention (12)  
13 Wed (5)  
14 Indoctrinate (9)  
17 Plant of the primrose family (9)  
19 Pungent (5)  
21 Discovery (12)  
24 Across country (8)  
25 Muslim official (6)  
26 Bracelet (6)  
27 Ethics (8)

### DOWN

- 2 Implement (4)  
3 Part of helmet underneath jaw (9)  
4 Head support (6)  
5 Cylindrical (7)  
6 Harem (8)  
7 Feature (5)  
8 Amity (10)  
12 Cabby (4-6)  
15 Yellow-flowered shrub (4-5)  
16 Lengthen (8)  
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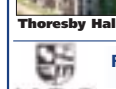
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The focal point is the Dom Church and its tower. A nave once connected the two, but in 1674 this collapsed during a storm. The church and tower were never reconnected, and a street and square now separate the two structures.

Regular tours, with an English-speaking guide, start from the visitor centre and those with plenty of energy can climb the 465 steps to the top of the 112m tower.

The mechanically- and musically-minded, and those with a sense of fun, are sure to enjoy

a visit to the nearby National Museum From Musical Clock To Street Organ.

The museum attracts thousands of visitors each year who come to see automatic musical instruments from the 15th century to today.

Our guide tells us that one of the favourite pieces with the public is the rather strange sounding Rabbit In A Cabbage.

But there's another rabbit on the block – and she can boast a museum of her own!

The Dick Bruna Huis is a must for Miffy aficionados of all ages. There are displays charting Bruna's extraordinary career for the grown-ups, while children can hear stories and play.

The Dick Bruna Huis is part of the Centraal Museum on the opposite side of the street. Highlights from the collection here include works by 17th-century Utrecht Caravaggists – who were inspired by Caravaggio – and 16th-century painter Jan van Scorel.

The Museum Quarter, as it's known, is easy to explore on foot and even includes an Aboriginal Art Museum.

For a different perspective on what the city has to offer, a canal cruise comes highly recommended, while Utrecht also boasts Holland's largest shopping mall, Hoog Catharijne.

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<b>Language</b>	Dutch
<b>Population</b>	16.5 million
<b>Currency</b>	£1 = 1.15 Euros
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Climate</b>	Maritime

### Travel details

Belinda Szonert was a guest of the Netherlands Board of Tourism and P&O Ferries, which runs daily overnight Hull-Rotterdam crossings from £152 each way for a car and two passengers sharing an en-suite cabin.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Small building firms call for cut in VAT

A CALL for a VAT cut for small firms in the building sector could go some way towards boosting trade, according to a survey.

The Federation of Small Businesses claims a five per cent flat rate for home renovations could help small businesses "struggling against a backdrop of decreasingly bad trade".

The industry had pushed the Government heavily in the run-up to the Budget for a cut in VAT on renovation – after a decision in Europe allowed nations to drop the tax rate on a number of services.

A survey by the FSB showed 59 per cent of respondents in the building sector said their trade had fallen in the last six months, with 37 per cent concerned that their financial prospects were poor.

Almost half of those surveyed said it was the lack of demand that was fuelling the negative impact on their businesses. A key concern for business was the 15 per cent VAT rate.

John Walker of the FSB, said: "Confidence in the smaller building projects around the country has dropped to a low, and people who were thinking of adding an extension to their home, renovating their bathroom or building a garage, should be given the incentive to go ahead."

### 'Greater incentives are needed to go green'

POLICIES to reduce carbon emissions will fail without greater green incentives, a lobby group for property owners has claimed.

The British Property Federation (BPF) said real estate should be one of the easiest areas to make carbon emissions savings but the Government needed to encourage landlords and tenants to work together to make cuts.

Liz Peace, chief executive of the BPF, said: "The Government should explore how the tax system might be used to incentivise improvements by altering the conundrum we have over how the benefits from improvements are shared between landlords and tenants."

The BPF said the Government had ignored the fact that most commercial property was rented.

Ms Peace said: "This means landlords cannot simply walk into a tenant's shop, for example, and turn the lights off. Therefore, any incentives and responsibilities for improving energy performance are widely split between the two groups."



# How much are you paying for your HIP?

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Law Society is urging home-sellers to check the real cost of their Home Information Pack with their estate agent to avoid inflated costs.

The warning comes after a Channel 4 News investigation found evidence that more than £100 could be getting added to the price of HIPs because of secret payments to estate agents.

With many estate agents hiring HIP providers to supply home-sellers with the evaluation, the Law Society is calling on sellers to check very carefully how much their agent is charging for the HIP.

Law Society president Paul Marsh said: "The cost of the HIP charged to the home-seller by the estate agent could be much higher than necessary and more than the agent actually pays the HIP provider."

"Because of these hidden referral fees the estate agent is overcharging the seller and making a secret profit."

"Sellers should ask for details of the exact costs to discover if the agent is charging them more than they should be, and more than the HIP actually cost the estate agent."

"They should also ask if the estate agent is receiving a hidden commission from the HIP provider, which would mean the estate agents are keeping part of the cost themselves. If the agent is paying £300 to the HIP provider and then charging their

client £400, the client is paying an extra £100 unnecessarily. With the other costs involved in selling, these added costs are unwanted extras."

"If sellers do find their agent is charging extra for their HIP they should ask their solicitor if they provide a HIP instead, as solicitors are required to be fully open with their clients about fees."

"The added benefit of using a solicitor is that they are all strictly regulated and required to follow stringent rules, unlike estate agents."

### Concerns

In the latest legislation on house sales anyone hoping to sell their home needs a HIP in place before they can put the property on the market, raising the risk of quickly-arranged HIPs that are inaccurate.

The Law Society has also raised concerns over the new Property Information Questionnaires which are now a feature of HIPs, requiring sellers to answer questions about their home.

Mr Marsh added: "PIQs are supposed to provide information for potential buyers about the property, but if they are not completed correctly it could harm the relationship between buyer and seller, which is the last outcome anyone wants, especially now when the market is so slow."

"A solicitor will be able to assist in completing the questionnaire to ensure it is accurate."



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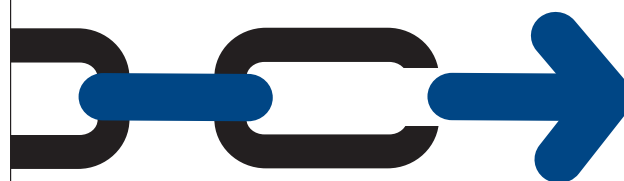


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## MOTORS NEWS



### Most new Prius prices pegged ahead of launch

TOYOTA aims to maintain the momentum of its green champion, the Prius, by defying recession pressures ahead of launching a new model this August.

So the range continues from £18,370 for the Prius T3 entry model while the T Spirit is also pegged at £21,210, though the mid-range T4 rises £835 to £19,990.

The Mark III version of the petrol-electric hybrid, which has soared in popularity, is claimed to have stronger performance, lower emissions, improved fuel economy and more equipment.



### Jazz hits high note on safety and economy

HONDA'S soon to be British-built Jazz has added a safety plus to its reputation as a spacious and economical supermini.

It has been awarded the maximum five-star rating in Euro NCAP's newly overhauled rating scheme, which focuses on a single score for passenger, child and pedestrian protection plus driver safety aids.

This will further boost a car which will switch production to Honda's Swindon plant this autumn, delivering keener prices for recession hit drivers seeking a compact all-rounder.



### Mercedes 'Swappage' deal tempts van users

MERCEDES-BENZ has a counter offer to van operators sidelined by the Government's Scrappage scheme – a £2,000 cash incentive whether users have a 10-year-old van to swap or not.

Promoted under the 'Swappage' banner, the deal is on the 109bhp turbodiesel engine Sprinter 311CDI and M-B is chipping in the full £2,000 discount rather than getting half from the Treasury.

The deal is also available on various purchasing arrangements: lease, contract hire or low rate finance.



**LITTLE GREEN MACHINE:** The Fiat 500, named European Car of the Year 2007, has pioneered Fiat's Eco Drive software which helps the owner to drive more economically

# Fiat 500 – the baby that packs a mighty big punch

AFTER years on the financial ropes, Fiat staged a comeback and its best punch was the reborn Fiat 500.

Inspired by the classic 1957 500 'Nuovo', it stormed the market, revitalized dealers and picked up European Car of the Year in 2007; it is a cult car to challenge and undercut BMW's own reworked icon, the Mini.

The 500 has also pioneered Fiat's EcoDrive software to help owners drive leaner, meaner and greener.

It dovetails with the USB input for 'Blue & Me', Fiat's hands-free in-car phone and audio system and I averaged 75 points from a possible 100 on two long runs in the 1.2 Pop entry model test car – 80 is considered good.

However, my overall reading after a week was just 52, with economy clobbered by local shuttles, school runs, shopping trips and so on.

This is when the engine barely warms up, there is less cruising and more gear changing and, possibly, more hurrying – we allow extra time pro rata when travelling further.

But even if we know how to drive greener really, a driver might get hooked on pleasing

## ROAD TEST FIAT 500

BY STEVE LOADER

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The 1.2 500 model (0-62mph in 12.9 seconds) should average well over 50mpg anyway and is probably the best buy 500, although the modest £8,300 start price can be blown away by tempting options such as our car's black/chrome alloys (from £300).

And you need Lounge spec (from £9,700) to get a split/folding rear seat; the boot is not huge and you might want to flop down one seat to accommodate extra shopping or an awkward item, yet still carry a rear passenger. But Lounge spec brings air con and alloys as standard plus more.

The 500 interior is a pleasing mix of retro with modern materials of higher quality.

Some may scratch easily, but everything you touch feels tough, including the now trademark 'billiard ball' gear knob.

Inheriting the Fiat Panda running gear and chassis is not all good news; the ride can feel unsettled though the lighter weight of the 1.2 against the 1.4-litre petrol and 1.3-litre diesel, makes it feel more refined and more nimble, while still able to cruise the motorway comfortably.



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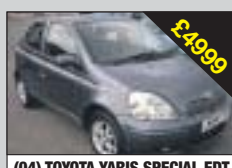
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## JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 **1**

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Shy but confident once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **1**

## A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **1**

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Blonde, blue eyed woman, 44, fun-loving, looking for Mr Right. I love going out, nights in, movies, walking, local gigs. WLTM the right man for TLC. Box 880280 **1**

## HEY BOYS

Single mum with two boys, 44, likes socialising and drinking, 60s and 70s music, seeks similar man for relationship. Box 452294 **1**

## THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to socialise and drinking, 60s and 70s music, seeks similar man for relationship. Box 452294 **1**

## COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5f8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 **1**

## COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 **1**

## LOVING IT LARGE

Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTM a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803 **1**

## JOURNEY TOGETHER

Coy, shy, cheeky, loving black lady, 45, em, I'm a happy, caring person, drinks, films and music, looking for a man to complete me as I will him. Box 451721 **1**

## FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Understanding, caring female, 45, 5f4, medium build, brown hair, likes keeping fit, reading and live music, seeks male for cuddles, hugs and more. Box 444873 **1**

## MAID MARIAN!

Hi, I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right, to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447366 **1**

## BUBBLY

Brunette, 45, 5f3, blue eyes, size 18, likes socialising and nights in, looking for a nice, honest and caring gent to share good times with. Box 447642 **1**

## FANCY A FILM?

Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5f11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Box 448526 **1**

## SOUND GOOD?

Love reading/travelling, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 **1**

## HAPPY TIMES

46yr old brunette, 5f1, young-at-heart, likes clubbing, pubbing and spending time with my family, looking for a nice man to fall in love again with. Box 452122 **1**

## ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Box 444366 **1**

## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **1**

## HAPPY AS ME

Fun-to-be with, happy, contented lady, 60, 5f4, I enjoy theatre, dining out and having friends round for a meal, gardening and pets. Box 882812 **1**

## Women seeking women

## ANY OFFERS?

Curvy female, 26, 5f9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in/out, WLTM an honest, sincere, slim-medium build, a great relationship. Box 452108 **1**

## FUN AND MAYBE MORE

Hi I'm 37, new to town and would love to meet some genuine companions to socialise with and go out and have some fun. Box 880564 **1**

## HOLLY'S SORT

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## ARE YOU LOVING & CARING?

Young 48 year old lady, love, caring, very bubbly, 5f5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089 **1**

## BE MY GUY

Young 50s lady, slim, 5f4, fair hair, I am a happy, caring person, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 449288 **1**

## HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in town, quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524 **1**

## CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5f4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Box 417100 **1**

## PENNY GIRL

Petite blonde female, 51, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate 45-55 for TLC. Kent. Box 835181 **1**

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## DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, seeking male for a relationship. Box 448863 **1**

## LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5f4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 **1**

## DINE WITH ME

Hi, I'm Marianne, 50s, tall and blonde, extrovert, love travel, sports, restaurants, the good things in life, looking for a tall, solvent gent, 40-50. Box 452191 **1**

## I'VE GOT THE GOLDEN TICKET

Christian female, 57, looking to meet a nice man with GSOH to go to the cinema and have fun with. Box 449225 **1**

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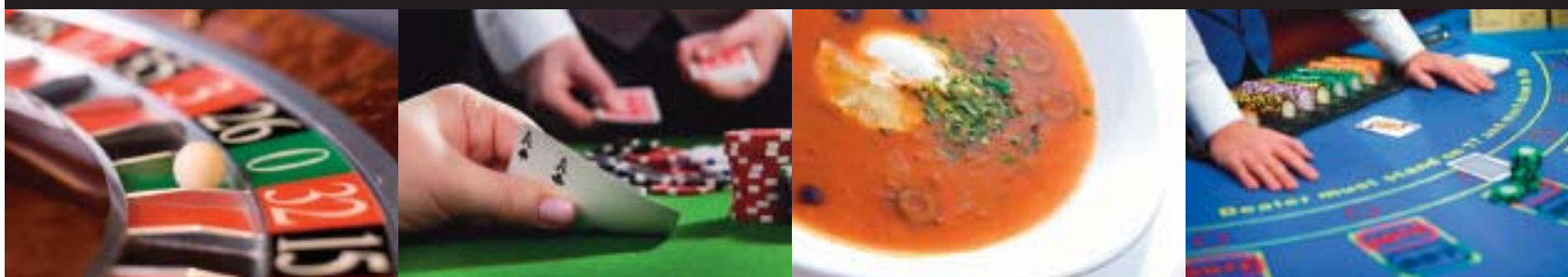
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Ref: P0063

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## CRICKET

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## Kent Cricket League Division One

Lordswood CC 1st XI v  
The Mote CC 1st XI

LORDSWOOD leapfrogged The Mote to the top of Division One with a win off the final ball of the game in a thriller at Martin Grove.

Matt Iles and Daniel Masters combined to score the critical runs at the death to clinch victory by three wickets.

The Mote went into the game unbeaten in their opening three fixtures of the season and they looked well set to extend the run after posting a competitive score.

Opener Tom Harvey provided the backbone to the innings, scoring 104 in a knock which included 13 fours and a six. He put on 117 with James Hodgson to make the Lords bowlers toil in the sunshine.

A quick fire 24 from Laurence Waters late on helped the visitors to a decent 226 for 4 from their 50 overs.

In reply, Lordswood were in trouble at 99 for 5, but were rescued by Chris Thompson. He fell just four short of a century, but the speed at which the runs came (102 balls) got Lordswood back in the game.

By the time Thompson was bowled by Kym Daley the Lords were just 18 runs short of victory. With the balls running out, Matt Iles and Masters held their nerve to see the Lords home off the final ball.

# It's top of the table for Lordswood after thriller



ON TOP: Lordswood celebrate after Richard Cross claimed the wicket of James Hodgson in Saturday's thrilling three-wicket against The Mote

## SCOREBOARD

## The Mote

	Runs
Umesh Valjee ct Cruz b J Iles	10
Tom Harvey ct Cruz b M Iles	104
James Hodgson st Cruz b R Cross	56
Matthew White st Cruz b J Iles	3
Laurence Waters not out	24
James Marriott not out	1
Ed De Lucy did not bat	
Warren Jackson did not bat	
Glen Aukett did not bat	
Kym Daley did not bat	
Alex Fordham did not bat	
Extras (4b 4lb 19w 1nb)	28
Total (4 wickets, 50 overs)	226

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Matt Iles	4	0	24	1
James Iles	10	1	62	2
Daniel Masters	5	0	15	0
Richard Cross	15	3	35	1
Darren Scott	13	0	74	0
Chris Thompson	3	0	8	0

## Lordswood

	Runs
Alan Pattenden ct Jackson b Aukett	21
Lyndon Lockhart lbw b Waters	15
Peter Stock ct Fordham b Waters	5
Chris Thompson b Daley	96
Jeremy Greaves lbw b Aukett	16
Efren Cruz b Aukett	1
Darren Scott ct Hodgson b Daley	35
Matt Iles not out	13
Daniel Masters not out	6
James Iles did not bat	
Extras (5b 7lb 4w 3nb)	19
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	227

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Kym Daley	10	0	31	2
Laurence Waters	9	1	60	2
Glen Aukett	15	1	58	3
James Hodgson	15	0	52	0
Tom Harvey	1	0	14	0

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

High Halstow CC 1st XI v Upchurch CC 1st XI

UPCHURCH went top of Division Three with a four-wicket victory over their closest rivals High Halstow.

Batting first at Rayners Meadow, High Halstow's innings was built on a 93-run partnership between Daren Brumbaugh and Virendra Vegda. Craig Bewick and Michael Hales jnr took two wickets each as the home side were restricted to 201 for 5.

Hales jnr was the star of Upchurch's reply, hitting 85 not out to see the visitors home with 20 balls to spare.

## High Halstow

	Runs
Steve Laphorn	5
Benjamin Bowles	23
Brett Smith	5
Daren Brumbaugh	79
Virendra Vegda	42
Ashley Trigg	10
Luke Donnelly	31
Jamie Trigg	13
Richard Laphorn	1
Rupert Staple	1
Matthew Tungate	1
Extras (1lb 5w)	6
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)	201

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	11	0	51	0
Craig Bewick	10	3	25	2
Tim Mullis	9	1	29	0
Marc Bond	5	0	24	1
Adam Hodder	6	0	33	0
Michael Hales jnr	9	2	38	2

## Upchurch

	Runs
Dean Headley	16
Andrew Shirley	36
Lee Taylor	21
Michael Hales jnr	85
Marc Bond	15
Michael Hales	0
Adam Hodder	20
Daniel Parker	5
Craig Bewick	1
Daniel Overbury	1
Tim Mullis	1
Extras (4lb)	4
Total (6 wickets, 46.4 overs)	202

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Rupert Staple	14.4	0	69	1
Matthew Tungate	15	0	45	0
Virendra Vegda	9	0	27	3
Brett Smith	5	0	32	1
Jamie Trigg	3	0	25	1

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Rainham CC 1st XI v Bexleyheath CC 1st XI

RAINHAM continued their great start to the season with a tidy all round performance in a 54-run win against Bexleyheath.

Callum Mitchell top scored with 60 in Rainham's innings, putting on 64 for the fifth wicket with James Sherhod (27) before the hosts were bowled out for 192.

The victory target was vulnerable, but good bowling from the Rainham attack ensured the visitors never got close, with four bowlers picking up two wickets apiece.

## Rainham

	Runs
Jonathan Prince	13
Matt Goodwin	30
Stuart Chipperfield	3
James Austin	15
Callum Mitchell	60
James Sherhod	27
Chris Small	13
John Dangerfield	12
Paul Swaine	1
Thomas Burns	1
Matthew Newton	1
Extras (2b 5lb 4w 4nb)	15
Total (all out, 47 overs)	192

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
David Meeking	10	4	32	4
Jack Woods	6	0	30	0
Gerald Joseph	15	4	36	2
Chris Hobbs	9	1	34	1
Grantleigh Burnham	7	0	52	2

## Bexleyheath

	Runs
Pat Heath	31
Russell Allen	0
Ravi Patel	15
Chris Hobbs	4
Archie Woodgate	31
Nick Welte	1
Jack Woods	10
Gerald Joseph	1
Phil Wiseman	12
David Meeking	15
Grantleigh Burnham	6
Extras (1b 5lb 4w 2nb)	12
Total (all out, 48.2 overs)	138

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Callum Mitchell	7	1	22	0
Matthew Newton	11	3	25	2
John Dangerfield	9	0	34	2
Chris Small	9.2	2	24	2
James Sherhod	7	2	14	2
Jonathan Prince	3	0	13	0

## KENT CRICKET FEEDER LEAGUE 1B

Blue Bell Hill CC 1st XI v  
New Ash Green CC 1st XI

JACK Attridge produced a mighty innings to set up the most comfortable of victories for Blue Bell Hill on Saturday.

The opener made 178 before he was finally dismissed, guiding the home side to 284 for 4 from their allocation.

New Ash Green had lost their previous three games and the run was quickly extended. Apart from Matthew Quattrill's resistance it was easy for Blue Bell Hill, who wrapped up a 183-run victory.

## Blue Bell Hill

	Runs
Michael Hanson	10
Jack Attridge	178
Ben Arnold	15
Tom Highest	19
Jack Brivio	36
Hugo Parnell	3
Ian Hayward	1
Leigh Short	1
Paul Brivio	1
Paul Fookes	1
James Underwood	1
Extras (10b 4lb 6w 3nb)	23
Total (4 wickets, 46 overs)	284

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Mick Sumner	12	1	58	1
Vic Mayers	11	1	90	0
Keith Bushell	11	1	63	1
Oly Cooper	7	2	38	0
Ian Davies	5	0	21	1

## New Ash Green

	Runs
Matthew Quattrill	56
Martin Pickering	13
Ian Martin	0
Ian Davies	0
Karl Bartlett	0
Vic Mayers	0
Mick Sumner	0
Arnon Ward	0
Oly Cooper	5
Keith Bushell	5
Matthew Bushe	0
Extras (11b 9lb 2w)	22
Total (all out, 33.4 overs)	101

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
James Underwood	7	2	26	0
Paul Fookes	9	5	21	3
Leigh Short	7	3	13	4
Hugo Parnell	7	3	11	2
Ian Hayward	3	1	10	0
Tom Highest	0.4	0	0	0

## KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Frindsbury 1st XI v Wye 1st XI

HALF-centuries from Stuart Wise and Daniel Noden set up a 66-run win for Wye at the weekend.

Noden hit 59 and Wise scored 57 as Wye reached 228 for 9 from their 46 overs.

Keith Secrett then set about the Frindsbury batting line-up, claiming figures of 6 for 56 as the home side were bowled out for 162 with almost six overs to spare.

## Wye

	Runs
David Parry	4
Daniel Noden	59
David Fletcher	9
Giles Starley	20
Raj Mahadevaiah	0
Stuart Wise	57
Nick Eve	36
Wayne Edlin	26
Edward Hoyle	8
Matt Barlow	1
Keith Secrett	1
Extras (4lb 4nb)	8
Total (9 wickets, 46 overs)	228

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Matt Payne	12	0	54	1
Chris Mumford	8	1	39	2
Shivajith Muttal	3	29	0	0
Sam Dudgeon	12	3	39	3
Peter Elswood	9	2	47	2
Samuel Gracey	2	0	16	0

## Frindsbury

	Runs
Robert Sait	46
Samuel Gracey	2
Nigel Pullen	18
Sam Dudgeon	57
Matt Payne	0
Thomas Burt	9
Sam Budd	8
Dan Reeves	5
Shivajith Muttal	0
Chris Mumford	0
Peter Elswood	0
Extras (4b 3lb 4w)	11
Total (all out, 40.4 overs)	162

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Edward Hoyle	12	1	36	2
Wayne Edlin	9	2	25	0
Keith Secrett	11	1	56	6
Daniel Noden	3	0	13	0
Stuart Wise	5.4	0	25	2

# Chats savour derby ties ahead of season

Picture: ADRIAN LINE



**STAYING:** Matt Solly has signed a new deal with Chatham

CHATHAM Town are looking forward to playing Kent derbies next season after they were switched back into the Ryman South.

The Chats spent last season playing in the Ryman North, where the majority of the clubs come from Essex and north London and attract lower crowds than in the Ryman South.

Under the changes, Town can look forward to games against Sittingbourne, Ashford, Whitstable, Folkestone and Ramsgate next season, much to the delight of new boss Alex O'Brien.

He said: "We missed the Kent derbies last season. It will be tougher, but playing at bigger grounds will help the

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players get up for games which was difficult last season when we were playing in front of 30 people."

Midfielder Matt Solly has signed an extension to play for the club next season, while captain Richard Avery and top scorer Lee Barnett have both expressed a desire to stay at Maidstone Road.

O'Brien's plans to bring players in are limited to talks at the moment until the club finalise a budget for next season. The decision is expected later this month.

# Jackson takes hot streak on to international stage

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■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

SIMEON Jackson continued his superb late season form by scoring on his senior international debut for Canada on Saturday.

The 22-year-old scored the only goal of the game in Larnaca as Canada beat hosts Cyprus. His 22nd goal of the season came a week after scoring the winner at Wembley in Gillingham's League Two play-off final and furthered his claims for a call-up to Canada's squad for the Gold Cup in July.

Stephen Hart's side begin the tournament against Jamaica on July 3, before further group games against El Salvador and Costa Rica.

If the former Rushden & Diamonds striker makes the squad it will see him miss most of Gillingham's pre-season preparations.

Elsewhere, promotion to League One and a series of games against local rivals are expected to put an extra 1,000 on average attendances at Priestfield next season.

By a quirk of geography, League One is top heavy with clubs from the south next season. Gillingham's promotion means 16 of the 24 teams hail from south of Birmingham.

With games against rivals Brighton, Charlton, Millwall and Swindon, it should see a marked rise in attendance.

Mark Jones, Gillingham chief executive, said:



Picture: ADY KERRY

**DEBUT:** Simeon Jackson is in contention for a place in Canada's Gold Cup squad after scoring against Cyprus on Saturday

"It's excellent for the club financially. I think League One is like a mini Championship next season, with the likes of Leeds, Norwich and Southampton.

"It will certainly help attendances at Priestfield – we averaged 5,200 last season and we would be hoping for 6,000 or more next season."

Gills boss Mark Stimson is hoping to begin

contract talks with Andy Barcham this week in a bid to keep him at Priestfield.

Building for next season has already begun, with seven players released last week including Nicky Southall and Gary Mulligan.

Simon Royce and John Nutter were offered one-year deals and an answer is expected from the pair soon.

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Picture: MEDWAY DRAGONS

**PROMISING:** Medway Dragons had five players in action for Harlequins

## Dragons' star quintet impress Quins coach

FIVE of Medway Dragons youngsters helped Harlequins Rugby League beat Celtic Crusaders in South Wales last week.

Callum Daulby started the 30-22 victory in the under-14s side last Wednesday, with Tom Coyd, Luke Edwards, Lawrence Chittil and Richard Harries also involved.

Martin Coyd, Dragons' head coach and part of Harlequins' coaching team, said: "I was very pleased with the performances and professionalism of the lads.

"They had prepared well and are all making great strides as rugby league players."

The best young rugby league players in the south east are at the Garrison Stadium in Gillingham tonight, for the final round of the Origin Rugby League Series.

The games, which sees teams from north of the River Thames play against line-ups from the south, are a key stepping stone to higher honours.

It is the second year the Dragons have hosted the games, which begin at 6pm for the under-13s.

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